

REMARKS

Before Examination on the merits, please cancel claims 1-11 and 13-35 without prejudice and amend claim 12. By the present amendment, claim 12 remains in the case. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claim 12 and cancelled claims 1-11 and 13-35 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the subject matter of the present case. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

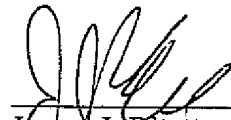
Claim 12 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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